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### UTAH HORTICULTURALLY.

One cannot read the daily papers  
these days without becoming im-  
pressed with the idea that Utah is  
destined to be a great horticultural  
state. Only recently a company has  
been organized with the purpose in  
view of taking the waters out from  
Utah Lake onto the lands adjoining  
the lake on the west. These lands  
are deep and fertile, excellently adap-  
ted to fruit growing, and have lain  
barren and waste because of a lack  
of water supply. If the project now  
under way is feasible, the water is  
to be pumped for these lands, and  
they will be made productive.

A few weeks ago the writer saw a  
small gasoline engine lifting a splen-  
did stream of water for a small fruit  
orchard recently set out by Bp. Gard-  
ner of Lehi. There is a splendid  
stream, and the cost we were inform-  
ed was not in any way prohibitive.

A beginning only has been made in  
developing Utah's wonderful fruit  
growing possibilities, and we believe

that the time is not far distant when  
this state will be recognized for what  
she is,—the leading horticultural state  
in the West.

### THE STATE BOARD OF HORSE COMMISSIONERS

We are in receipt of an inquiry in  
relation to the State Board of Horse  
Commissioners. Our correspondent  
wants to know as to whether the law  
passed by the Legislature two years  
ago, is still in force. The law pas-  
sed at that time was not changed by  
the recent Legislature, and remains on  
our Statute books.

A bulletin has been prepared and  
is now in press, which will give all  
of the information necessary in re-  
lation to this work. There is to be  
some splendid material in the bullet-  
in, in regard to farm animals, and al-  
so a list of the horses and owners  
throughout the state. This list will  
of course include only such horses  
as have been licensed. The bulletin  
has been prepared by the Board of  
Horse Commissioners, consisting of  
Dr. H. J. Frederick, and Prof. John  
T. Caine, Ill.

### ANOTHER JERSEY BREEDER

We are glad to welcome another  
breeder and importer to the Jersey  
ranks. There has been considerable  
difficulty on the part of many who  
would have liked to buy Jersey stock  
because of the scarcity of these ani-  
mals for sale within the borders of  
our own state and we have for a  
number of years now advocated the  
necessity of more breeders of live  
stock in Utah. We are happy there-  
fore to announce that Mr. P. E. An-  
derson of Roy, has decided to engage  
in this business. Mr. Anderson has  
just returned from Kansas and Ne-  
braska where he purchased nine cows  
and one bull. He will be prepared  
in the near future to furnish choice  
animals of this excellent breed. In  
his purchase he has secured some fine  
animals of the Golden Lad, and St.  
Lambert Strain and most of his  
stock are Island bred. Some of his  
cows have been prize winners at the  
State Fairs in the Central West. We  
bespeak for Mr. Anderson the con-  
fidence and patronage of our readers.

### SOIL FERTILITY.

It will no doubt be remembered by  
most of our readers that the Bureau  
of Soils of the United States Depart-  
ment of Agriculture, a few years ago,  
issued a bulletin in which they took  
the ground that the depletion of the  
soil fertility was not due to a lack of  
mineral elements in the soil, but rath-  
er due to an accumulation of excreta  
from the plants themselves. The  
conclusions from the experiments  
and work advocated by the Bureau  
of Soils was that a proper rotation of  
crops would result in keeping the  
soils fertile.

The view of the Department did  
not meet with ready acceptance. In-  
deed many of the best authorities in  
the United States, including Dr.  
Hopkins of the Illinois University,  
Director Thorne of the Ohio Experi-  
ment Station, and many others, were  
very vigorous in their denunciation  
of these theories. Dr. Hopkins im-  
mediately began a campaign of edu-  
cation along these lines. He has is-  
sued a number of bulletins and made  
many addresses along these lines,  
and has so strongly fortified himself  
in the position that the Department  
is wrong, that it would seem to us  
that the men in the Bureau of Soils  
would feel a deep humiliation.

Mr. Milton Whitney, who is chief  
of the Bureau, has long been regard-  
ed by most of our scientific men as a  
weakling in the field of soil study.  
To our mind the retention of Prof.  
Whitney by secretary Wilson, most  
seriously reflects upon the adminis-  
tration.

A committee appointed by the Am-  
erican Association of Agricultural  
Chemists unanimously support Prof.  
Hopkins in his position.

Those who are interested in this  
subject would do well to secure a  
copy of University of Illinois bullet-  
in no. 123.

We were favored last week with a  
call from Mr. Louis F. Boyle, who  
has just completed his junior year in  
the Agricultural course at Cornell  
University. Mr. Boyle is a Utah  
product, who has been in attendance  
at the big University for something  
like three years. He candidly re-  
marked that his only regret was that

he did not attend our own Agricul-  
tural College first, and after complet-  
ing the work there, take a year's  
work at Cornell. He feels that the  
high plane occupied by our own Ag-  
ricultural College, and reputation it  
has acquired, not only within our own  
borders, but outside, justifies the  
statement that a young man should  
not go away for his under-graduate  
work.

Mr. Boyle is making arrangements  
to purchase a fruit farm on the Provo  
bench. He will return to Cornell  
next year, and after completing his  
course, proposes to engage in fruit  
growing and poultry farming in Utah.  
After looking over the various fields  
now opening for progressive young  
men along agricultural lines, he has  
decided that it is very questionable  
if there is a place in the country today  
that offers the opportunities along  
various lines of agriculture that is of-  
fered by the glorious old state, in  
which irrigation first found a home  
in modern times.

### THE DRY FARMING CON- GRESS.

We have given considerable space  
in the Deseret Farmer, of late, to the  
Dry Farming Congress to be held at  
Billings, Montana during the latter  
part of October. We have done this  
because we feel that no more import-  
ant convention is to be held this year.  
It will be the fourth meeting of the  
Congress, the first one having been  
held at Denver, the second one at  
Salt Lake City, and the third one at  
Cheyenne. The committee in charge  
of this coming Congress have been  
exceedingly active in their work, and  
are making every effort to make the  
coming session a success. There is  
to be an exhibition of products  
from the dry lands. Last year Utah  
sent no exhibit, and those who at-  
tended the Congress were rather hu-  
miliated from this cause. The sur-  
rounding states, who have learned  
their lesson in dry farming from  
Utah, were there with splendid ex-  
hibits, and those representing these  
states took great pride in calling at-  
tention to their excellence.

Utah cannot afford this year to  
neglect the opportunity of making an  
exhibit of its products. Dry farmers  
throughout the state should select